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# Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

## Report of the Second Committee*

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## I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 86 (see A/57/531, para. 2). Action on sub-item (a) was taken at the 17th and 42nd meetings, on 24 October and 10 December 2002. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/57/SR.17 and 42).

## II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.12 and A/C.2/57/L.68

2. At the 17th meeting, on 24 October, the representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the

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International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade" (A/C.2/57/L.12), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Reaffirming* the importance and continuing validity of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 54/206 of 22 December 1999, 55/190 of 20 December 2000 and 56/191 of 21 December 2001,

"*Recalling also* the outcomes of all the major United Nations conferences and summit meetings held since the beginning of the 1990s,

"*Reaffirming* the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in particular the targets and commitments relating to development and poverty eradication,

"*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,

"1. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to undertake consultations with all Member States, as foreseen in resolution 54/206, on the draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium submitted by the Secretary-General to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, taking into account the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits held since 1990 in the economic and social fields and their implementation and follow-up, including the outcome of the discussions on their integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up;

"2. *Decides* to consider the issue of further development of a new international development strategy during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, on the basis of the outcomes of the aforementioned consultations;

"3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session with an overview of the challenges and constraints as well as progress made towards achieving the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the past decade;

"4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session, under the item entitled 'Sustainable development and international economic cooperation', a sub-item entitled 'Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade'."

3. At the 42nd meeting, on 10 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Jan Kára (Czech Republic), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/57/L.68), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.12.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.68 (see para. 6).

5. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.68, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

## III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

6. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

*The General Assembly*,

*Reaffirming* the importance and continuing validity of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

*Recalling* its resolutions 54/206 of 22 December 1999, 55/190 of 20 December 2000 and 56/191 of 21 December 2001,

*Recalling also* the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summit meetings held since the beginning of the 1990s,

*Reaffirming* the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] in particular the targets and commitments relating to development and poverty eradication,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[2]

1. *Conveys its appreciation* to the President of the General Assembly for having undertaken consultations with Member States, as foreseen in its resolution 54/206, on the draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium to be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

2. *Decides* that a final decision on the necessity for an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium will be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the basis of the outcome of the ad hoc working group on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summit meetings in the economic, social and related fields;

[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] A/57/216 and Corr.1.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session with an overview of the challenges and constraints to, as well as the progress made towards, the achievement of the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the past decade;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation", a sub-item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade".